

BIRD CALENDAR - 1923

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The migration of birds from the south, as was suggested in the last Bulletin, was not felt in any part of the Lake Region before February 24. From that date until well into April the advance of the "spring-line", estimated at 35° Fahrenheit, was constantly and uniformly retarded, with the following result,-checked vegetable growth and insect development, slow movement of migratory birds from the south, and a markedly "late spring", in contrast with the two preceding years, in which this season was abnormally early.

April opened on Easter Day with a temperature of eleven degrees, the lowest recorded for that month in fifty years, and there was little real warmth experienced before the twentieth. As a compensation for this prolonged period of general discontent, Ohio has at last the promise of a perfect fruit-year; not a bud up to this date - April 28 - has been frosted, and the danger-line has been passed.

The chief value of the present record lies in the large number of Water Birds reported by Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.

An outstanding ornithological event of this season is undoubtedly the invasion of Cedar Waxwings from the south, as noted by many observers throughout our region, - a movement not to be confounded with the occasional visits of the larger Bohemian Waxwings from the north. Cedarbirds, as they are known familiarly, in flocks of from ten to fifty or more, were first noticed on the Heights in early March, and have been seen almost daily since; they have come repeatedly to the Adelbert Campus, and on April 21 were seen as far west as Vermilion. Though resident to some extent most of these birds will pass to the north of us, where they breed exceptionally late, having first or second broods up to the end of August. When perched they sit close together and erect, and being thus easily approached they are distinguished readily by their grayish coloring, their rather prominent crests, and by a black band through the eye; their common note is a subdued whistle, hardly rising above a whisper; in flight they often open and close ranks, but seldom scatter, except when about to feed; they take fruits and berries of various kinds, but will snap up on occasion insects in the air, with the skill of a born flycatcher, and on April 22 many were seen eagerly picking out the fine stamens from the flowers of the maple and the elm.

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37. White-headed Eagle; nest-building at Vermilion March 13-15, and probably for a week earlier; incubation begun about March 20; two young hatched about April 17; incubation period about 28 days, with probably error of not more than two or three days.
38. Mockingbird; March 19, Crendon's Pond, Painesville, where it was identified positively, at close range, by Messrs. Baker and Doolittle; had been in the vicinity for at least a month; singing besides its own notes those of the Brown Thrasher, Catbird, and Cardinal; extremely rare in this district, but sometimes mistaken for the Brown Thrasher or Thrush, but aside from its song readily distinguished from the latter by its whitish breast, without markings, white outer tail feathers and the white of the primary coverts; observed in the same place on April 8 and 16.

39. Ring-necked Duck; March 19, Mentor Headlands Marsh (8); April 8 (14); April 22, (2), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
40. Nighthawk; March 19, Euclid Ave., and E. 30th. St., Professor Finfrock; April 10, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy.
41. American Golden Eye; March 19, Mentor Headlands Marsh (8) and April 8 (5), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
42. Ruffed Grouse; March 19, Mentor Headlands Marsh, (1) Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
43. Red-bellied Woodpecker; March 19, Mentor Headlands Marsh (1), the same.
44. Phoebe; March 19, Mentor Headlands Marsh (1), the same.
45. Redhead Duck; March 19, Mentor Headlands Marsh (9-6 females, 3 males), the same.
46. Scaup Duck; March 19, Mentor Headlands Marsh (6) and April 8 (100) April 15 (14); April 4, Wade Park Pond, Professor Finfrock and others.
47. Marsh Hawk; March 19 and April 15, Mentor Headlands Marsh (four at latter date seen tumbling and rising at close range), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
48. Vesper Sparrow; March 30, Oak Rd., Professor Finfrock; April 8, Mentor Headlands Marsh (5), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle; April 10, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy.
49. Baltimore Oriole; April 7, Cleveland, E. 84th. St. Mrs. F.W.Blake; May 8, Noble Rd., Mrs. Ruedy; May 11, Oak Rd. Professor Finfrock.
50. Mallard; April 8, Mentor Headlands Marsh (3), and April 15 (2), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
51. Hooded Merganser; April 8, Mentor Headlands Marsh (2 males, 8 females), The same.
52. Black Duck; April 8 (3) and April 22 (11), Mentor Headlands Marsh, the same.
53. Kingfisher; April 8, Mentor Headlands Marsh (1), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle; April 13, Mr. F.E.Blake.
54. Blue-winged Teal; April 8, l(1) April 15(2); April 22 (2), Mentor Headlands Marsh, Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
55. Baldpate Duck; April 8(20), April 15(3), April 22(2), Mentor Headlands Marsh, the same.
56. Shoveller Duck; April 8 (1 male), April 22 (1 male), Mentor Headlands Marsh, the same.
57. Fox Sparrow; April 8, Mentor Headlands (3), the same; April 12, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy; May 13, Painesville Professor Finfrock.
58. Hermit Thrush; April 8, Mentor Headlands (3), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle; April 19, Oak Rd., Professor Finfrock; April 21, Tinkers Creek (10) Messrs.
59. Field Sparrow; April 12, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy.
60. Mourning Dove; April 8 (3), and April 15 (6), Mentor Headlands, Messrs. Baker and Doolittle; April 15, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy; April 26, Joplin's Woods, Willoughby, nest with fresh eggs, Bird Class.
61. Purple Martin; April 15, Mentor Headlands Marsh (1), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle; April 17, first return of a few pairs to bird house, 2883 Noble Rd.
62. Great Blue Heron; April 15, Mentor Headlands Marsh (1), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
63. Winter Wren; April 15, Mentor Headlands, the same.
64. Bonaparte Gull; April 15, Mentor Headlands (50), the same.
65. Horned Grebe; April 15, Fairport, and April 22, Mentor Headlands (8 in

- summer plumage), the same.
66. Ruddy Duck; April 15, Fairport (1), the same.
 67. Red-breasted Merganser; April 15, Fairport (3 males, 1 female), the same; also one on April 22.
 68. Ruby-crowned Kinglet; April 15, Mentor Headlands (1), the same; April 21, Tinker's Creek, Messrs. Bailey and Finfrock.
 69. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; April 19, Forest Hill (3), Bird Class; April 29, Mayfield Center, Professor Finfrock
 70. Olive-backed Thrush; April 19, Foredst Hill (1), Bird Class. May 4, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy; May 20, Superior and Taylor Rd., Professor Finfrock.
 71. Common Tern; April 20, Gordon Park, Professor Finfrock.
 72. Wood Thrush; April 20, Oak Rd., Professor Finfrock; April 22, Wade Park, Mr. Henry Turner Bailey.
 73. Brown Thrush; April 21, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy.
 74. White-crowned Sparrow; April 21, Oak Rd., Professor Finfrock; April 22, Wade Park, Mr. Henry Turner Bailey; May 10, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy.
 75. Chipping Sparrow; April 21, Tinker's Creek; Professor Finfrock.
 76. White-throated Sparrow; April 22, Mentor Headlands (3), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle; April 27, Noble Rd., Mrs. Ruedy; May 6, Pleasant Valley, Professor Finfrock.
 77. American Merganser; April 22, Mentor Headlands (10), the same.
 78. Wood Duck; April 22, Mentor Headlands (1), the same.
 79. Ring-necked Pheasant; April 22, Mentor Headlands (1), the same. (introduced).
 80. Barn Swallow; April 22, Mentor Headlands (4), the same; April 25, Wade Park, (several), Miss Hart.
 81. Wilson's Snipe; April 22, Mentor Headlands (1), Messrs Baker and Doolittle.
 82. Rough-winged Swallow; April 22, Mentor Headlands (5), the same.
 83. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; April 22, Mentor Headlands (2), the same.
 84. American Bittern; April 22, Mentor Headlands (1), the same.
 85. House Wren; April 23, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy.
 86. Great Horned Owl; April 26, Willoughby, one two-thirds grown, out of nest, And perched high in adjoining tree, Bird Class; nest site visited on March 24.
 87. Veery; April 26, Willoughby, Joplin's Woods, (1), Bird-Class. May 20, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy.